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- 1. U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0157391 A1, published October 31, 2002, to Ohashi, et al.;
- 2. German Patent Document No. DE 34 13 867 A1, dated April 12, 1984;
- 3. German Patent Document No. DE 42 25 380 A1, dated July 31, 1992;
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Consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement is respectfully requested, since the art provided may be material to the examination of the present application as defined under 37 C.F.R. §1.56.

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